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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, JA

SUBJECT: THROWN SILK

REF: A) TOKYO 476, B) GENEVA 383

1. WE MUCH APPRECIATE TEXT FORWARDED REFTEL A. THE
FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN DRAFTING OF AGREED
MINUTE OR LETTER SUGGESTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A.

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2. WE HAVE TWO PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST PARA OF SAKAI DRAFT.
WORDS "UP TO" SHOULD BE DELETED. THERE SHOULD BE NO
QUALIFICATION OF COMMITMENT FOR 1700 BALES ANNUALLY.
SECONDLY, WE MUST ENSURE THAT IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED
STATES ARE FROM U.S. PRODUCTION. WE MUST AVOID POSSIBLE
USE OF LICENSES BY U.S. AGENTS SHIPPING SILK THROWN IN
THIRD COUNTRIES. PERHAPS BEST WAY OF ENSURING THIS IS

BY CHANGING LANGUAGE TO READ "... IMPORTATION OF THROWN
SILK PRODUCED IN THE U.S. OF ONE THOUSAND AND SEVEN
HUNDRED BALES PER YEAR ..."

3. WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL
(B) REGARDING GATT PRECEDENT. IN FACT, WE COULD NOT

WITHDRAW GATT COMPLAINT AS SAKAI DRAFT SUGGESTS (IN
SUB PARA (B)). ULTIMATELY ONLY THE PANEL CAN DECIDE
WHAT TO PUT IN ITS REPORT. IN LIGHT OF SENSITIVITIES
ON THIS MATTER, IF GOJ WISHES TO URGE THE PANEL TO
LIMIT THE REPORT TO JUST THE FIRST SEVEN PARAGRAPHS
OF THE DRAFT REPORT (PLUS PARAGRAPH ON CONCILATION,
BELOW), WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE. THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY
SHOULD BE SURFACED BY EMBASSY IN EVENT THAT JAPANESE
CONCERNS OVER PANEL REPORT CANNOT OTHERWISE BE RESOLVED.

4. THE EXPLANATION OF "A SATISFACTORY ADJUSTMENT: SHOULD
BE AMENDED TO READ: "AS A RESULT OF THE CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THE U.S.G. IS NOW SATISFIED
THAT THE GOJ WILL IMPLEMENT A PRIOR PERMISSION SYSTEM
IN A WAY SATISFACTORY TO U.S." WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
SAKAI REQUIRES SO FLAT AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRIOR
PERMISSION SYSTEM AS THE ORIGINAL TEXT REPRESENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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